## United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit



**APPENDIX** 

# 75-1243

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

-against-

GREGORY CHU, T'N DONALD GEE,

Defendant-Appellant.

JOINT APPENDIX

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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,6-10-75	Filed (Donald Gee) magistrate's orig. papers:  docket entry sheet, indictment warrant, SDNY, disposition sheet, appointment of counsel Financial aff. only.,	
20-75	Filed transcript of record of proceedings, dated 3-9-73.	
6-27-75	DONALD GEE (atty.present) Filed Judgement- deft. is committed to the custody of the Atty. Cen'l. for a period of TEN(10) YEARS.  Purusant to the provisions of T. 21, U.S. Code, Section 841 the deft. is placed on Special Parole for a period of THREE (3) YEARS to commence upon expiration of confinement. Pollack Issued all copies	,J.
6-27-75	Donald Gee- filed notice of appeal from judgment of 6-27-75. mailed copies to U.S. Atty and deft. on 6-30-75.	
323,1975	Filed transcript of record of proceedings, dated 5-30-75.	
7-03-75	G. Chu- filed remand dated 5-30-75.	
7-03-75	D. Gee (G. Chu) - filed judgment and commitment, deft. delivered to Fed. Det. Hdqtrs.N.Y.C. 6-27-75.	
7-14-75	G. Chu-filed CJA 20 approval for payment of fees of Stephen Sillers, Esq. Pollack, J. issued copies CJA Clerk	
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

EARRY H. COHEN and JOHN DOE, a/k/a "Gregory Chu" described as an oriental male, 25 years old,5'8" to 5'10" tall, heavy build, black hair, eyeglasses

Defendants .

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The Grand Jury charges:

On or about the 30th day of August, 1972 in the Southern District of New York

BARRY H. COHEN and JOHN DOE a/k/a "Gregory Chu"

the defendants , unlawfully, intentionally and knowingly did distribute and possess with intent to distribute a Schedule T narcotic drug controlled substance, to wit, approximately 26.80 grams of heroin.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 812, 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).)(Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.)

United States Attorney

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#### CHARGE OF THE COURT

(Pollack, J.)



Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, through the arguments of the respective counsel you have learned the conclusion which each party believes should be drawn from the evidence presented to you. You must remember, however, that the statements of counsel are not evidence and are not to be considered as such.

It is your recollection of the facts that counts here. It is for you to determine the weight that will be given to the evidence, the credibility that you will extend to the witnesses who testified, and the reasonable inferences that are to be drawn from the evidence that has been received.

In order to return a verdict of not guilty or guilty in this case, the verdict must be unanimous. Each juror must agree to it.

It is your exclusive function to determine the facts on the basis of your consideration of the evidence.

It is your duty to accept my instructions as to the law to be followed in the case. You will then apply these instructions to the facts as you find them and decide whether or not the defendant on trial before you is guilty of the charges that have been made against him. When you go into

the jury box you don't check your common sense outside. Use your common sense.

No inference of guilt or innocence of the defendant on trial or as to the credibility of any witness should be drawn from any rulings or comments that I may have made during the trial. It is neither my intention nor my function to favor one side or the other, or to imply that I have any views as to the credibility of either the witnesses or the guilt or innocence of the defendant. That is your exclusive function.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the indictment. That means that the government has the burden of
proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt with respect to
each element of the crime that the defendant is accused of
having committed.

The defendant, in our courts, does not have to prove his innocence. He does not have to submit any evidence on the subject of his innocence or any evidence at all if he does not want. A defendant is presumed to be innocent and that presumption continues throughout the trial and right through your deliberations. It is only overcome when you have determined on the basis of your resolution of facts that guilt was established beyond a reasonable doubt on each element of the crime charged.

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The defendant did not testify in his own behalf, and our law says that the defendant may or may not take the stand. The fact that a defendant did not testify cannot be considered by you as any evidence against him or form a basis for any presumption or inference unfavorable to him. You must not permit such fact to weigh in the slightest degree against such a defendant, nor should it enter into your discussions or deliberations.

Now, reasonable doubt doesn't mean just any doubt. It means a doubt which is sufficient to cause a prudent person to hesitate to act in a matter of importance to himself or herself.

If the evidence which you believe is such as would induce a prudent person to act without hesitation in a matter of importance to himself or herself, then you may say you have been convinced beyond a reasonable doubt.

Speculative ideas or possibilities resting upon mere conjecture, not arising or deducible from the proof, should not be confused with reasonable doubt.

A doubt suggested by the ingenuity of counsel or even your own ingenuity, not legitimately warranted by the evidence or the want of it, is not what is meant by reasonable doubt. You must look at the facts as the guide for decision and not your or someone else's fanciful notions.

If, on the other hand, your mind is wavering or uncertain to the point where you have a doubt that would cause a prudent person to hesitate in a matter of importance to him or her, then you have not been convinced beyond a reasonable doubt.

As I have stated, you are going to have to rely in this case on your own common sense and general experience in evaluating the evidence. You must make your own evaluation of the evidence, including the testimony given by each of the witnesses, and determine the credibility which you choose to give to such evidence.

In weighing the testimony of the witnesses, you can consider any relationship that they may have to the government or to the defendant, if any, and any interest that they may have in the outcome of the case, and any bias that they may have shown, the witness! manner while testifying, that is, the witness! candor, intelligence, whether the witness equivocated or whether the witness was frank and straightforward, the extent to which the witness has been corroborated or contradicted by other evidence, credible evidence, or circumstances or inconsistencies within the testimony.

There has been testimony before you with respect to the use by the narcotic agents of the services of an

informant or informer. Whatever you think of informers -that's Colombo -- whatever I think of informers, the government uses them in order to get leads to those violating
the law. Whether you or I disapprove of that is really
beside the point, provided that such services in no wise
infringe upon the rights of the defendant, because the use
of such services is not forbidden by the law. You are
not being asked to determine whether or not you agree with
the policy endorsing the use of informants.

Putting it another way, if you are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt as I have already defined reasonable doubt to you, that on the date and at the place with which we are concerned the defendant Chu or Gee, whichever way he is to be called, committed the offenses charged in this indictment, then you must find him guilty, even though you believe his apprehension came about in some measure by the government availing itself of the services of the informant.

The government called Barry Cohen as an alleged accomplice to testify as a witness at trial. If you find that he was an accomplice, he does not become incompetent as a witness because of his participation in the criminal acts charged. On the contrary, if the only evidence on some or all of the essential elements of the charge is the

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testimony of an accomplice, it may still be of sufficient weight, if you believe it, to sustain a verdict of guilty without corroboration. Yet bear in mind that accomplice testimony is to be received with caution and weighed with care. You should not convict on unsupported accomplice testimony unless you believe that testimony beyond a reasonable doubt.

It is the universal rule in the federal courts that a defendant can be convicted on the uncorroborated testimony of one whom the jury finds beyond a reasonable doubt to have been an accomplice.

Evidence that a witness has been convicted in the past of crime may be considered by you in determining that witness! credibility. By this I mean you may consider the prior conviction in determining that witness! worthiness of belief.

If you believe a witness has testified falsely before you, you are privileged to disregard his or her testimony or you may accept so much as you believe. A man or woman may be lying about part of what he or she says and may be telling the truth about all other parts. He or she may be mistaken about parts and be accurate as to other parts. It is for you to decide after you have scrutinized the evidence and weighed the demeanor of the

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witnesses.

The law recognizes two types of evidence, direct and circumstantial, either of which may be sufficient to convict, providing the jury upon all the evidence is satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt.

Direct evidence, of course, is that kind of evidence where a witness was present at a conversation or the commission of an act and testifies to what he or she saw or what he or she heard or discovered, what he or she knows of his own or her own knowledge, something which comes to him by virtue of the senses of sight or sound or smell, or something which appears in writing signed by the witness.

Circumstantial evidence is, as I think most of you know, evidence that tends to lead one's mind to conclude a fact in issue actually exists. Circumstantial evidence should not be given any less weight because it is circumstantial evidence rather than direct.

A simple illustration of circumstantial evidence which we frequently give to juries is as follows: Suppose at the time when you came into this court this morning the sun was shining, as it was, and there were no clouds in the sky and that when you came into this trial courtroom the shades were drawn and the blinds were down so that

you couldn't see outside, yet pretty soon someone came in the doorway with a dripping umbrella and a dripping raincoat. You haven't been outside in the meantime. When you left outside it was clear, but when these people came in with their dripping umbrellas and raincoats something may have happened outside. You would be entitled to infer from the circumstance that there is a dripping umbrella and a raincoat that it is raining outside. Thus, circumstantially you infer from a fact, the dripping raincoat and umbrella, some other matter, the rain outside.

That will give you an illustration of what circumstantial evidence is and what it may lead to.

The indictment in this case named two defendants.

Only one, Donald Gee, also known as Gregory Chu, is on

trial before you at this trial. He is the only person whom

you will find to be guilty or not guilty in your verdict,

although, as I will explain to you shortly, in considering

whether he is guilty or not guilty you may have to determine

the nature of the participation, if any, of Barry Cohen,

the other defendant, in this case.

In the determination whether the datendant is guilty or not guilty, you must bear in mind that guilt is personal. Whether the defendant on trial before you is guilty or not guilty must be determined separately with

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respect to him solely on the evidence presented against him or the lack of evidence. The case as to this defendant stands or falls on the proof or lack of proof of the charge against him and not against somebody else. Therefore, the fact that the other defendant named in the indictment pleaded guilty and is not before you for consideration at this time is not evidence of the guilt of the defendant on trial, or that the crime charged against Gee or Chu was committed by him.

The plea of guilty by another defendant may not be considered by you as evidence against the defendant Gee or Chu in any respect, nor may any adverse inference be drawn against the defendant by reason thereof.

An indictment is not evidence. It is merely an accusation.

The indictment in this case reads as follows:
"The Grand Jury charges that:

"On or about the 30th day of August, 1972, in the Southern District of New York, Barry H. Cohen and Gregory Chu or Gee, the defendants, unlawfully, intentionally and knowingly did distribute and possess with intent to distribute a Schedule I narcotic drug controlled substance, to wit, approximately 26.80 grams of heroin."

The indictment charges Cohen and Chu or Gee, the

defendants, with violating the federal narcotic laws. The part of this law which is applicable to the charge here is called the Controlled Substances Act which became effective on May 1, 1971.

The term "controlled substances" is used in the Act to refer to any drug included in one of five schedules contained in the Controlled Substances Act. Heroin is included in Schedule I.

Among other things, it is made unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to distribute or possess with intent to distribute any controlled substance such as heroin.

Finally, Section 2 of Title 18 of the United States Code provides in pertinent part:

"Whoever commits an offense against the United States or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission, is punishable as a principal."

As I indicated, the indictment charges Cohen and Chu, the defendants, with the distribution and possession with intent to distribute 26.80 grams of heroin. Before you can find Chu guilty of the crime charged in this indictment, you must be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that the government has proved the following elements:

First, that on or about August 30, 1972, Donald

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Gee or Chu, the defendant named in this indictment, did distribute and possess with intent to distribute a narcotic drug controlled substance.

Second, that he did so unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly.

Third, that the 26.80 grams of substance charged to have been distributed is in fact heroin, a Schedule I narcotic drug controlled substance.

You will note that the first element of the offense is possession with intent to distribute the drug. The word "distribute" means the actual, constructive or attempted transfer of the drug.

The word "possession" has its common everyday meaning, that is, to gain or exert influence or control over. It should be obvious that to have something within your control does not necessarily mean that you have it in your hand or your pocket. For example, control may be demonstrated by the existence of a working relationship between the person having such control and the person with the actual physical custody.

The word "intent" refers to a person's state of mind. Therefore, the term "possession with intent to distribute" can be fairly stated to mean to have control over an item with the purpose that the item be transferred.

On this element, the government contends that it has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant Gee or Chu knowingly transferred the drug to the defendant Cohen to be transferred to Investigator Visciarelli and that Gee or Chu possessed the drug, and that at the time Gee or Chu possessed the heroin his mental state was such that he would transfer it to someone else.

If you find beyond a reasonable doubt that such a transfer was made, I charge you that such a transfer satisfies this first element.

The defendant's position on this element is that the evidence shows nothing more than that he accompanied Barry Cohen to a site where Cohen made a drug sale for his own gain. Donald Gee contends that Barry Cohen's testimony that Gee was the source of the heroin is not credible.

As to the second element, the terms "unlawfully,"
"wilfully" and "knowingly" mean that you must be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knew what
he was doing and that he did it deliberately and voluntarily
as opposed to mistakenly or accidentally or as a result
of some coercion. Of course, it is not necessary in order
to demonstrate that the defendant acted unlawfully,
wilfully and knowingly that the defendant knew he was

violating particular sections of the Controlled Substances

Act. Rather, it is sufficient if you are convinced beyond

a reasonable doubt that Chu or Gee was aware of the

general unlawful nature of his acts. You must also believe

beyond a reasonable doubt that he knew that Cohen was

delivering heroin to the buyer.

Knowledge and intent exist in the mind. Since it is not possible to look into a man's mind, into Gee's mind, to see what went on, the only way you have for arriving at a decision as to his knowledge and intent is for you to take into consideration all the facts and circumstances shown by the evidence, including the exhibits, and to determine from all such facts and circumstances whether the requisite knowledge and intent were present at the time in question. Direct proof is unnecessary. Gee's knowledge and intent may be inferred from all the surrounding circumstances.

You may consider, in determining whether the defendant acted with guilty knowledge or intent, the fact, if you find it true, that the defendant engaged in another transaction similar to that charged in the indictment.

Such evidence is not allowed to show bad character or criminal disposition but only bears on the question of the motive and intent of the alleged connection, if any,

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of the defendant with the transaction charged in the indict-

As to the third element, the indictment charges that the narcotic drug controlled substance is heroin. I instruct you as a matter of law that heroin is a narcotic drug controlled substance. However, you must be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that the narcotic drug controlled substance charged to have been distributed was heroin. The government contends that 26.8 grams of heroin was distributed by defendants Cohen and Gee on August 30, 1972.

The government has introduced a stipulation between the government and defense counsel that, if called, a chemist would testify that the substance covered in this indictment, by weight approximately 26.8 grams, was heroin.

Finally, it is not necessary for the government to show that a defendant physically committed the crime himself. The code of the United States provides that a person who aids and abets another to commit an offense is just as guilty of that offense as if he committed it himself. Accordingly, you may find defendant Gee guilty of the offense charged in this indictment if you find beyond a reasonable doubt that defendant Cohen committed the offense as charged and defendant Gee aided

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and abetted him.

In order to aid and abet another to commit a crime. it is necessary that a defendant in some sort associated himself with the venture, that he participate in it as in something that he wishes to bring about, that he seek by his action to make it succeed. Knowledge that a crime is being committed, even when coupled with presence at the scene, is not enough to constitute aiding and abetting. Rather, it is required that an individual promote the venture himself, make it his own, have a stake in its outcome.

Mere presence in the area where a controlled substance drug is discovered or the mere association where the person who controls the drug or the property where it is located is insufficient to support a finding of possession.

If you should find that the law has not been violated, you should not hesitate to return a verdict of not guilty. On the other hand, if you should find beyond a reasonable doubt that the law has been violated as charged, you should not hesitate to render a verdict of guilty.

The most important part of this case is the part which you now as jurors are about to perform, because

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it is for you and you alone to decide whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty of the crime charged. I know you will decide the issues that have been presented to you according to the oath that you have taken as jurors in which you promised, as you recall, that you will well and truly try the issues joined in this case and a true yerdict render.

If, after considering all the evidence and arguments of your fellow jurors, you entertain a conscientious view that differs from others, you are not to yield your conviction simply because you are outnumbered or outweighed.

Your final vote on the charge must be unanimous and must reflect your conscientious conviction as to how the issues should be decided.

If in the course of your deliberations you require any exhibits or wish to hear any testimony, you may send out a note which will be signed by your foreperson, Mrs.

Hagler, and you will be provided with paper and pencil for that purpose and they will be sent in to you or given to you or the testimony will be read, whatever the case may be.

If you will bear with me for just a minute, I will talk to the lawyers, who may wish to call to my attention something on which I may have misspoken or omitted.

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Gentlemen, come up.

(At side bar.)

THE COURT: Are there any exceptions or requests on the part of the defense?

MR. GILLERS: No exceptions.

The only request is as to the prior similar act.

THE COURT: I thought I would put my response to that in the record.

The defendant called the witness Colombo to establish that Cohen, in contract to his testimony on cross examination that the transaction charged in this case was an isolated one, in fact had prolix transactions with Colombo in narcotics. This was allowed not as an attack merely on Cohen's credibility but as going to Cohen's bias and motive. However, it appeared on cross examination that one of the prolix transactions brought out on Colombo's direct examination by defendant was in fact a narcotic transaction in which Chu, Cohen and Colombo participated. The proof that identified one of the prolix transactions as one with Chu was allowed as going to Chu's motive and intent in respect to the transaction charged in the indictment. The door was opened by the defendant to this explanation by calling forth on direct examination of the witness that Cohen had prolix transactions with Colombo. The

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evidence bore on the determination whether defendant acted with guilty knowledge and intent in respect to the transaction charged in the indictment.

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A limiting instruction requested by the government limited the significance of the evidence only to the guestion of the guilty knowledge and intent of defendant and not to show bad character or criminal disposition.

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Accordingly, I allowed the evidence and so charged the jury, with exception to the defendant.

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There are no exceptions or requests on the part of the government?

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MR. FLANNERY: That is correct.

(In open court.)

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THE COURT: The two alternates are now excused from further participation in this case in view of the fact that we have all jurors present and accounted for. Report back Monday morning to Room 109 at 9:00 o'clock for further jury service. You may go out. That is Miss

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DeJesus and Mrs. Jeffers.

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